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U.S. Senator Barack Obama (far right) joins current Congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Harold Ford Jr. (far left), campaign manager Lincoln Davis (left) and Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen (right). Obama spoke at a rally for Ford Jr. and Bredesen supporters on Sunday, Nov. 5 in downtown Nashville. Elections are Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Rally originally to be held at TSU

By Marshall A. Latimore and
Cara Anthony
Copy Editor/Opinions Editor and
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More than 3,000 spectators watched along as U.S. Senator Barack Obama, D-Illinois, urged support for current Congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Harold Ford Jr. on the front lawn of the Tennessee Administrative Office of

the Courts at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Though the rally had originally been scheduled to be held at TSU's Kean Hall Gymnasium, organizers decided on early Friday morning to move it to the Courthouse lawn, which could accommodate far more than the gymnasium's capacity of 2,800.

Ford is campaigning against Republican candidate Bob Corker, the former mayor of Chattanooga. This race has been followed

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Students go write with essay competition

By Eddie R. Cole Jr. and
Itoro Umontuen
Editor in Chief and
Business Reporter

Four TSU students swept the 2006 World Trade Counsel Essay Competition and were awarded scholarships during the Ports and Flags banquet at Nashville's Loews-Vanderbilt Hotel on Thursday, Oct. 26.

The students who submitted the winning essays were Alan Enzo, Sherita Dawkins, William P. Clements, and Susan Lynn.

Enzo, a master's of business administration student from Columbus, Ohio, won first place in the competition and received \$2,500. Dawkins, a master's of physical therapy student, earned \$1,500 for second place and Clements and Lynn tied for third place. Clements and Lynn, both economics and finance majors, each received \$1,000.

The World Trade Council (WTC) of Middle Tennessee sponsored the event. The WTC is Middle Tennessee's leading organization in the sector of international business. An estimated 300 to 400 business executives were in attendance.

Galen Hull, TSU director of International Programs in the College of Business, said the university has produced at least one student winner for six consecutive years. This year, however, TSU participates took the entire contest. He said that of the 13 participants from Middle Tennessee, 11 were TSU students.

The essay topic was to discuss the effects of rising fuel costs on goods imported into and exported out of America. From there, students were also judged on the basis of their stated career interests and academic achievement in relation to the topic.

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Student's today to help those of tomorrow

By Cara Anthony
News Editor

TSU senior James Edwards Smith Jr. has a personal goal that is more about helping others than benefiting himself.

Smith, a Memphis native, said he is looking to increase the enrollment of young black men at TSU.

"I plan on motivating and promoting education through mentoring," Smith said, while noting that he envisions TSU becoming a top institution for young black men similar to the likes of Morehouse College in Atlanta.

With an expected graduation date of May 5, 2007, Smith said he plans on discovering different avenues of criminal justice. Smith, who majors in criminal justice and minors in psychology and sociology, said his future plans are to attend law school at

Georgia State University or the John Marshall Law School both in Atlanta. But, before he enters law school, he said he plans to become a federal prohibition officer in Georgia.

Once a football player at Raleigh Egypt High School, Smith said he chose TSU strictly for the academics.

"I am a presidential scholar," Smith said with a smile.

He has maintained a 3.789 cumulative grade point average and has earned and maintained membership into the honor societies of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key and Gamma Beta Phi.

To add to that list of memberships, Smith currently serves at a Student Government Association representative-at-large evening, a SGA House of Delegates parliamentarian, a Pan-Hellenic sergeant at arms and the president of the Beta Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

"Whatever I do, I do it to the best

of my ability," said Smith, who attributed much of his efforts to his mother-instilled sense of value. "The Lord keeps me going."

Smith also has received administrative honors as well.

Just recently, in a letter from Peggy Earnest, dean of students and director of Residence Life, who served as Grand Marshall and Honoree Luncheon Chair for homecoming, commended Smith for his hard work and dedication during inauguration week of the seventh TSU president Melvin N. Johnson.

"As my resident, I've seen him handle himself in a mature manner," said Carl Darnell, a graduate assistant for the Ford Residential Complex. "He seems like a well-balanced student. He exercises strength and shows self discipline. He is always willing to lend a helping hand."

But, at the end of the day, it's all about his top goal. Smith said that more black males are in prison than there are attending colleges.

An article in the *Washington Post* recently stated that 30 to 50 percent of black men, ages 16 to 24, did not finish high school and about a third of that number will spend time in prison before their 35th birthday.

"The impact I want to leave on the TSU Community is long term," Smith said. "With my future goals and ambitions as a cooperate attorney, I plan to help elevate the black race."

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Student Achiever
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**This week's student achiever,
James Smith, would rather help
others than benefit himself.**

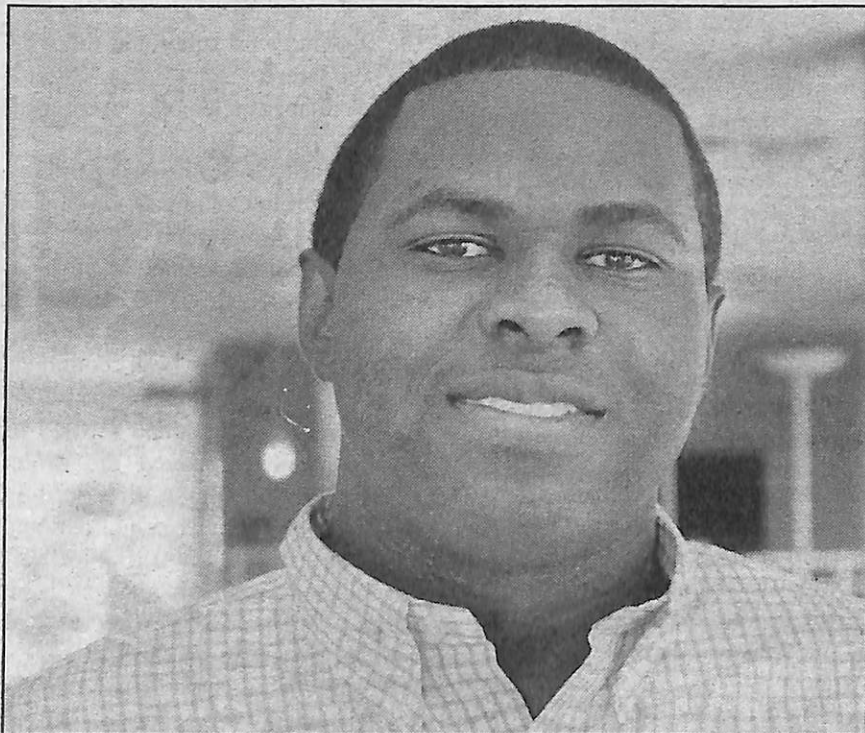


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The Meter regrets errors and will continue to bring readers accurate information.

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New organization works to clean, revitalize

By Brian C. Browley
Senior Staff Reporter

While several organizations on campus have sponsored or participated in campus and community cleanups, a new organization takes a much broader focus on encouraging students and faculty to take a stance for the environment.

Gateway 2 Heritage, which became an official student organization this fall, had already directed a community cleanup in Oct. 2005 when more than 200 students from TSU, Fisk University and Meharry Medical College came together to clean Jefferson Street. While the cleanup was a success, Sizwe Herring, community advisor for Gateway 2 Heritage, said physically cleaning up the community is only part of the organization's purpose.

"We do more than just pick up trash," Herring said. "That's not what

we're doing. We're doing community esteem building, community beautification, we're doing recycling, and then we're doing litter control."

Though the organization only recently became an official student organization, its origins go back to 2003. Earth Matters Tennessee, along with the Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership and the Middle Tennessee Sierra Club, came together with students from both TSU and Fisk and began a "community beautification and reclamation project." Additionally, the organization carries out their activities in the memory of several activists from the North Nashville community.

Recently, the organization sponsored a viewing of the film *Kilowatt Ours* in the Floyd-Payne Campus Center. The film by Jeff Barrie examines the problems created by the country's reliance on coal-fueled power plants and gives information on ways of living more energy efficiently in everyday life.

State universities, such as Tennessee Tech and Middle Tennessee State, have passed Green Power initiatives to encourage students to conserve energy and have seen success. The Tennessee Valley Authority's Green Power Switch program pays MTSU 20-cent per kilowatt hour of energy that is generated by the solar panels at the university.

"(MTSU) came and supported our *Kilowatt Ours* movie,...(but) we've got to do things our own way, but we can build on what they are doing there," Herring said.

The Green Power initiative was unanimously passed by the Tennessee Board of Regents to add \$8 per semester to students' tuition at MTSU. Five dollars of that amount goes toward Green Power Switch, which provides 10 percent of MTSU's energy from ecological sources, such as solar and wind power.

"We feel like we can implement that here as well," said Christopher Norwood, president of Gateway 2

Heritage. "We're not MTSU. We're TSU."

While one of Gateway 2 Heritage's goals is to make TSU a more eco-friendly campus, the organization's focus is on a revitalization of the community centered on Jefferson Street.

Gateway 2 Heritage sponsored another Jefferson Street cleanup this year on Saturday, Oct. 21 in conjunction with the Collegiate 100 Black Men of TSU.

"Over 50 (TSU students) participated and several students from Meharry also," Herring said.

Additionally, on Saturday, Nov. 4, several members of the organization participated in "Smashing Pumpkins," an event where individuals of all ages build compost heaps from leftover pumpkins following Halloween.

"It went great. We had a great turnout," Herring said. "Several TSU students came. We had a 90-year-old man and a nine-month old baby reconnecting with the Earth."*

Campus groups join to fight domestic violence

By Eddie R. Cole Jr.
Editor in Chief

Jacquita Parks has plans to battle domestic violence by starting a movement on the TSU campus.

Parks, president of the TSU chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta pre-law society, said a recent personal experience took her idea of starting a domestic violence awareness movement on campus and quickly turned it into a reality.

She said her idea turned into an actual project when she and TSU junior Evelyn Moody witnessed an abuse taking place between a couple in the Floyd-Payne Campus Center in early October. Parks said the altercation resulted in a woman being physically abused by a man who fled the scene.

"After this incident took place, we referred her to the information desk where we convinced the young lady to make a report," said Parks, a junior political science major from Macon, Ga. "I must say that this incident left me in shock and I decided at that moment that enough is enough. We decided that something must be done on this campus to put an end to this unacceptable behavior."

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Now, her organization plans on teaming up with the National Association of Colored Women's Club (NACWC) and the University Honors Program to inform the university community of the issue of domestic violence beginning next month.

Parks said that the organizations decided that something must be done on this campus to put an end to this "unacceptable" behavior. She said seminars will begin at the start of the spring semester and Nashville area speakers associated with domestic violence centers and shelters will visit campus.

Toward the end of November, Parks said purple ribbons will be passed out and \$1 purple arm bands will be sold in commemoration of domestic violence victims.

"One of (the Honors Council's) biggest goals is trying to be revolutionary in all aspects and the University Honors Program and Honors Council has love for this university, so there is no need to try to mask those issues and one of those issues is domestic violence," said Sherrae Hayes, president of the council and junior speech communication and theatre from Cleveland.

Genea Morris, a senior political sci-

ence from Atlanta and vice president of NACWC, said that her organization wants people to know their rights when it comes to domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is kind of swept under the violence," Morris said. "Actually, it needs to be exposed. By doing this, people will have the awareness to talk about it."

"It's happening and we need to do something about it."

Parks said Phi Alpha Delta faculty advisor Michael McDonald will be selling his book *College Life 101* for \$20. The book stands as a source that will help students get through college and the situations that they meet on an every day basis, she said.

McDonald said that the campus crime statistical reports, which are required to be kept by universities as a matter of federal law, do not accurately reflect the true problem.

"The incidents of date rape, date violence, and domestic violence on college campuses is on the rise," McDonald said. "To be sure, the actual number of cases involving the victimization of college co-eds by their boyfriends or other persons of interest is 5 to 6 times the number of cases actually reported to law enforcement."

He said the goal of the domestic violence awareness project is to bring attention to this problem, and provide a vehicle for individuals who are being victimized to obtain counseling and other assistance through referrals and educational tools.

Parks said that the TSU community should use the on-campus counseling center and that abuse has no gender, race, creed, or age.

"Everyone must understand that domestic violence is not just physical, it is also emotional," Parks said. "I would like to stress the fact that we, the students, are the TSU family and that we must take care of each other. If you witness abuse or are being abused yourself, please seek out help."

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-Jacquita Parks

What We Think

Change isn't all that bad

Esteemed journalist and columnist, Sydney J. Harris, once said, "Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better."

How appropriate is that this statement made years before his death in 1986 has ramifications that are still ever-present today? A general perception is that the youngest two generations, 'X' and 'Y,' have a microwave philosophy about life. The members of this era of people want things exactly how they want it, with much more less work than their predecessors.

While the importance of voting is something that is constantly reiterated, some in our generations still don't see the significance of voting. When one looks at advertising trends the all-important market, it is at the 18-34 year old male demographic. Marketing and advertising specialists target this age group more so that any other group because these consumers spend roughly

\$200 billion per year.

Yet when one examines the political advertisements that have been run during this election very few if any are directed directly towards college-aged individuals and young adults. Why? Because the numbers make it completely obvious that younger people do not vote. As a result, candidates either take for granted younger voters and instead times champion the causes of older voters, which often times are individuals in their age group.

Unfortunately, though, the world is a much different place before our generations were even conceived. Only since recently, have the issues we face been received widespread concern. Perhaps it is a time in Congress where everyone up for election or re-elections needs the 'X' and 'Y' to put them over the top of several hairline close races.

Nonetheless, the fact is that younger voters have no one to blame but themselves when politicians ignore them. While we are content to spend billions of

dollars we're not concerned with taking a couple of hours out of our day to vote

If we as students want to see more options and greater availability in financial aid and an increase in the minimum wage it is our duty to support candidates who will support us. Rather than simply towing the line, students should hold politicians responsible of serving our interests as well. While issues such as national security, healthcare, and

In politics, most campaigns attempt to discredit other candidates rather than actually address any real issues. While the general population may be fooled by such tactics, we as the educated gentry of the population should not be swayed and look at the issues these politicians address, as well as their records in voting for these and other issues.

According to the stargazette.com, about 41.9 million young people aged 18 to 29 are eligible to vote on this November compared against 158.2 million people 30 or older. Altogether this mean that the youth vote only accounts

for 21 percent of the total electoral body. Therefore to say that every vote cast by a young person counts would be an understatement.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson has famously been quoted as saying when a student graduates from high school they should step off the stage with a diploma in one hand and a voter's registration card in the other. We suggest that any student taking freshman orientation should have a voter's registration card given to them on the first day of classes.

Reality check: The youth vote accounts for 21 percent of the electorate.

All too often people speak about the changes voting can bring about as a slow steady progress. While patience is important not all policy changes made will necessarily take a decade to take shape. The impact of who is elected can and will have both immediate and long-term ramifications. •

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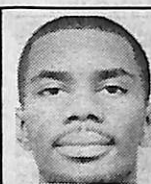


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Eddie R. Cole Jr.
Editor In Chief

It's a new dawn/It's a new day/It's a new life/For me/And I'm feeling good

The lyrics from the song *Feeling Good*, originally featured in the 1966 Broadway musical *The Roar of the Greasepaint—the Smell of the Crowd*, are all so timely for today's TSU.

I could not help but smirk at what I heard as I sat at the Student Government Association and the House of Delegates' inauguration ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The entire program was beautiful and much needed but, the journalist in me could not help but notice one part of the night more than another.

During SGA Vice President Hodari P.T. Brown's address, he spoke on the Nashville's print and broadcast media outlets shortcomings when it comes to full and accurate coverage of TSU.

Brown said aloud what several in the community have whispered among each other.

On the heels of the local NBC affiliate News Channel 4's segment titled "Racial Overtones" for the recent Mr. TSU crowing, recount and re-crowing, Brown disregarded the outside media coverage's perception that race had anything to do with Stephen Morrison becoming the first white Mr. TSU and vowed to hold true to what is known is fact about TSU.

He went further and charged those in attendance to not only complain about campus issues, but to find solutions to accompany a complaint. I agree totally. It's the same way in *The Meter's* newsroom. If we have a problem, I ask for a suggestion to correct the issue. I want to hear a solution, not a request for me to automatically pass along a piece of wisdom that is supposed to make everything peachy.

I applaud his effort and conviction of love but, at the same time, I want to

convey his message further.

We, as the TSU community and other HBCUs alike, appear to have a problem with overall media coverage. If this is how we feel, I charge the university community just as Brown did. Let's find a solution.

To those of us that don't know, the university's public relations department is short staffed to say the least. The director was released in July and other staffers have left for other jobs. This has left dozens of releases, events and issues to be addressed by a less than five people.

Now, where does that leave the other thousands of us in the community? It's time to become proactive.

I sat on a panel in August 2005 for a media discussion with David Green, managing editor of Nashville *Tennessean* daily newspaper at the time, and he gave an interesting breakdown of how a TSU article may go from 3C to 1A. He said it's based off of readership.

That means what articles are visited the most online and who writes the most

letters to the editor and leaves comment per article. The same goes for the broadcast outlets.

I've had my own personal experience with local media and I took the appropriate action to make sure that TSU's story is told as accurate as possible by an outside media source. In the *Tennessean's* Thursday, Nov. 2 issue, staff writer Ralph Loos used a quote from *The Meter* as his own. Disheartened, I sent an e-mail that eventually made its way to the appropriate editor. On Saturday, Nov. 4, the publication ran a correction stating the original sources and apologizing for the omission.

I challenge us all to do the same. Our love for TSU should allow us to give media outlets a heads-up when something great is occurring, write letters, give online feedback and notify reporters when a correction is indeed necessary.

It's that simple and, for that reason alone, I'm feeling good and the future is indeed bright as we take ownership for that in which we say we love.

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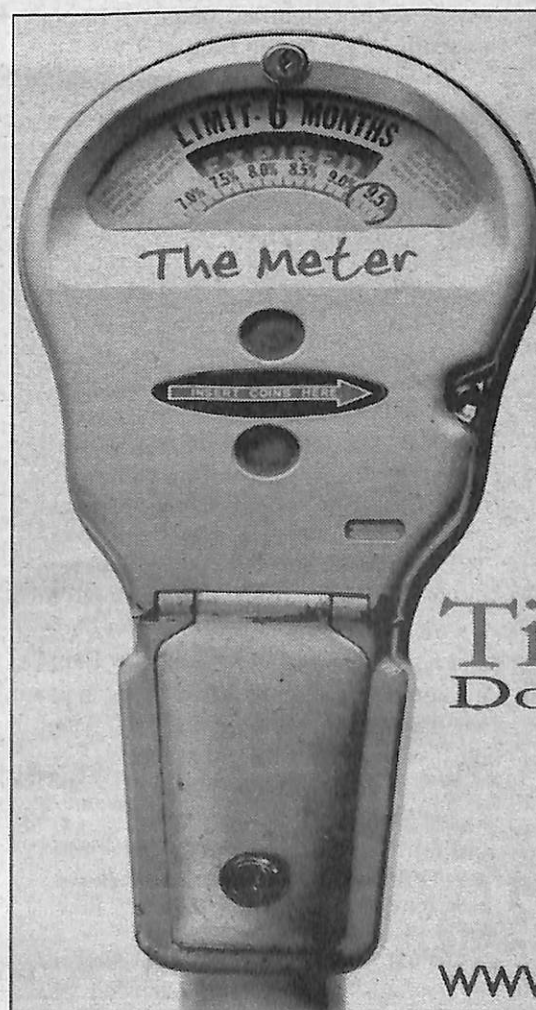
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SGA Corner

Greetings all,

The Student Government Association would like to thank all of the students, faculty, and administration who came and supported the inauguration of the House of Delegates, Student Election Commission and Student

Union Board of Governors last week. All three branches of SGA appreciate your constant love and support.

We would also like to remind everyone that we will be hosting another Leadership Seminar on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Floyd-Payne Campus Center forum (room 210).

Finesstra Moore
SGA spokesperson

ONLINE FEEDBACK

Shani Aprili Ingram

posted 10/30/06 at 9:35 PM EST

Editor's Note: This online reader's feedback has been abbreviated due to its original length. Read the entire submission on tsumeter.com.

My name is Shani Aprili Ingram and I am an electrical engineering major from Birmingham, Ala. Although I am a sophomore, this is my first year attending the Mr. TSU pageant. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I believe all of the candidates did a wonderful job and tried their hardest to compete to the best of the abilities. I came to the pageant without previously having any one candidate to support. So, I cheered for them all. However, two candidates stood out the most to me — Stephen Morrison and Darrius Brooks. These two candidates appeared to have worked really hard on all of the different portions of the pageant. I was not surprised when the Mr. TSU title came down to these two who have been consistently original throughout the whole of the pageant. I was also not surprised when Darrius Brooks was originally crowned Mr. TSU. His imitation of Chris Brown seemed really professional and I could tell that he put a lot of effort to prepare for this amazing performance. It really blew me away. This is what I felt set him apart from the other candidates although Stephen nearly put me to tears when I heard him recite his poem for his mother.

I was really shocked when I found out that through some really strange twisted events that Stephen Morrison was named Mr. TSU instead of the previous winner Darrius Brooks. I did not think that this institution would attempt to right a wrong by wronging someone else. If there had been any discrepancy with the count or the votes, I feel that the judges should have waited before they named anybody Mr. TSU. It is wrong to award somebody for a job well done only to say that the award was meant for someone else. The way it happened also seemed very underhanded. I was reading

the article in today's (Monday, October 30, 2006) *Meter* and Stephen Morrison said "I wasn't planning on having anything done but I went into Mr. Pope's office to see my scores and I was given the option to have the scores recounted so I said 'yes.'" If the judges felt that they had made a mistake why would they wait two days later on Thursday, Oct. 26 to give Stephen the option to have the scores recounted? Why would they not just recount the votes themselves? Why would they allow Darrius to represent as Mr. TSU at the Miss TSU Coronation and Ball as well as the pep rally causing further embarrassment, anxiety and mixed feelings? I also was concerned when I read both the articles relating to the Mr. TSU pageant. In neither of the articles were there any quotes from students in support of Darrius, who had previously been named Mr. TSU. I would expect such a dignified literary tool not to act in such a biased fashion. ...

If students were allowed to vote for Mr. TSU, then we would not have to worry about judges changing their minds at the last possible minute. In the future, we need to handle these things in a more professional manner.

Niambi Aprili Ingram:

11/02/06 at 4:23 PM EST

Editor's Note: This reader submission is in response to Shani Aprili Ingram's Oct. 30 feedback.

I totally concur with my sister. I think that we should be able to vote for Mr. TSU. If he is believed to represent the student body and hang on to Miss TSU's side, then he should have the right to vote on SGA and sit on the council. In a way, it's like he is just there for show and nothing more and nothing less. I urge the student body to protest so we can get Mr. TSU on the ballot. We should matter most, not judges.

Upset Students

posted 10/31/06 at 12:44 AM EST

Editor's Note: This online reader's feedback has been abbreviated due to its original length. Read the entire submission on tsumeter.com.

First of all, I would like to start off by saying that I think that what has

occurred was wrong and totally unprofessional. You should not give a title to someone and then take it away. It was wrong to see Darrius crowned at the pageant and stand on stage at the pep rally and then, later that day, tell him that he did not win. For all of those who feel that Steve's pageant was better than Darrius' pageant, let me be the one to say that it was not. ... Now, if Steve claims that he just went to Mr. Pope to see his scores, and his scores only, then why was he even given the option to have the scores recounted? Those scores were recounted because he felt that the scores dealt with his race. Personally, I do not care if he is black, white, green or purple because that does not matter. I honestly think that Darrius was the best candidate. Has Steve ever gone back and complained or questioned why he did not get chosen for a Greek organization two years in a row? No! So why question this situation? As a man, once he lost on Tuesday he should have left it alone and took that loss like a man. Everyone wants to talk about discrimination and racism. Everyone feels that we should be treated as equals. Then we should no longer call Tennessee State University an HBCU and we should no longer give out minority scholarships, then we will all be equal!

Phillip Howard says:

10/31/06 @ 11:52 PM EST

You talk about being a man but you can't even stand up and be held accountable for all these comments you made. Let it be known right now, My name is Phillip Howard, proud friend of Stephen Morrison and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Alpha Theta Chapter. I have known both Stephen and Darrius every since I have been on this campus. You, on the other hand, I am sure have not. To even say that Stephen would try to pull the "race card" shows that you don't know him at all. In fact, if you really knew about Stephen's background, you wouldn't have said anything about him being white, black, or whatever. I've really tried to play the neutral role and I have done that, but it really pissed me off when you make comments about my organization and what decisions have been made as it relates to Stephen. Little girl, I'm sure you are not even apart of a Greek organization because, if you were, you would understand that what it takes to become apart of one involves class, loyalty, and dedication. And from reading your comments class is something you clearly don't have. I will say you were smart for not putting your name on this because I'm sure you would soon be

telling yourself you have tried and got rejected two, three and four times. I wonder if you would have the guts to even deal with rejection because you obviously don't have the guts to accept responsibility for what you say. Don't get it twisted, DJ (Darrius) is my guy and if anyone came at him wrong, I would respond the same way. But don't talk about (issues) you don't know about and, if you need more clarification, I'm here.

Danny Moss

posted 10/31/06 at 11:34 AM EST

As the proud father of Darrius Brooks, I would like to say that I am very displeased with the decision made about the Mr. TSU Pageant. My son was crowned on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The pageant coordinators called myself and my wife to the stage to take photos with my son who was crowned Mr. TSU. It is embarrassing to have known for this to turn out the way it did. All the young men did a fine job, but the end result of overturning the crown to Morrison was unfair, unethical, and unprofessional. The pageant was based on several criteria and was judged by judges, not by popularity or fan based. There were supposedly five educated judges that should have been able to produce the top candidate for this position which was done on Oct. 24. Now, we have a compromise of the opinion of the judges based on the controversy brought on by Morrison and his supporters playing the race card and asking for a recount with Student Affairs. This is not a political campaign! Again, all the young men did a great job but, in the end, Darrius Brooks (my son) was crowned and should, in my opinion, remain Mr. TSU and represent the university at the next level. I am very disappointed in the way the VP of Student Affairs handled the situation. My question to the University is was this situation handled appropriately with all appropriate administration involved or was just one or two individuals (Mr. Freeman, who happened to be one of the supposedly educated judges, and Ms. Lockridge) the main culprits in this decision making? Because, according to the TSU newsletter, Darrius was crowned with the title of Mr. TSU by winning by two points. Although homecoming is over, I hope this matter can be resolved professionally and ethical with apologies to all parties involved.

Sincerely,
Danny Moss

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Local daily issues correction on *The Meter's* behalf

Staff Report

Nashville's *Tennessean* daily newspaper ran a correction on page 2A of the Saturday, Nov. 4 issue in regards to its article on Stephen Morrison winning the title of 2006-07 Mr. TSU.

The publication initially ran a student quote that was obtained by *The Meter*, but did not give credit to the award-winning student publication.

"In a story on Page 1B Thursday, a quote from Rekieta Jones about the Mr. TSU contest at (TSU) should have been attributed to its original source," the correction read. "Jones was quoted in the student newspaper, *The Meter*. *The Tennessean* regrets the omission."

The Meter, TSU's national award-winning student newspaper, garnered much national praise and accolades from professional journalists across the nation for its coverage of the crowing of the first white Mr. TSU.

Richard Prince, editor of blackcollegewire.org, e-mailed other HBCU newspapers emphasizing the importance of performing in the manner *The Meter* acted by being the first to cover a major campus event before outside media.

"*The Meter* had the story ready and posted on Monday, Oct. 30, and mentioned it to Black College Wire, which posted it the same day, making it available to all of our participating newspapers and anyone else who wanted to use it," Prince said.

"By moving so quickly, *The Meter* was able to be the first out with the story anywhere," he continued. "*The*

Chronicle of Higher Education ran its own story on Tuesday, crediting Black College Wire, and the *Tennessean*, the major daily in Nashville, didn't have the story until (Nov. 2), Thursday."

"Being first with a story that happens on one's own campus, and then getting it to the Black College Wire so that it's shared with all other news outlets, sets a good example for us all," Prince added. "It does the school paper credit when professionals look at what you're doing."

Sherrel Stewart, assistant metro editor for *The Birmingham News*, sent her assessment of *The Meter's* performance via e-mail response to Prince's comments to the other HBCU newspapers:

"As a professional who follows college newspapers closely, I commend *The Meter* staff," Stewart said. "There's just something about establishing an early mindset for being first."

She added, "I am sure *The Meter* will continue its success and I hope other newspapers with web editions will follow the example."

Eddie R. Cole Jr., *Meter* editor and co-reporter on the Mr. TSU article, said the acknowledgements are nice but nothing to get comfortable with.

"We continue to be the TSU's first source for accurate and factual news about the university," he said. "It's sometimes an uphill battle with the university community may not think of you first when news happens, but we press on to do our job."

"We definitely make a serious effort to be the first to inform TSU of what is going on," Cole added.

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Ford supporters came from near and far

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nationally and is expected to be close.

Corker was scheduled to have an event in Nashville later Sunday with U.S. Senator John McCain expected to make an appearance.

The event had begun under gray skies and a stifling chill when Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen took part in the ceremony. Bredesen welcomed other politicians in attendance before introducing Debbie Winans, the youngest in the famed Gospel music clan.

Following another stirring performance by Grammy-award winner Yolanda Adams, a smiling Obama and noticeably worn-out Ford cheerfully greeted an excited crowd full of campaign supporters.

The duo made their way to a platform filled with more than 20 onlookers, including Bredesen, Nashville mayor Bill Purcell and Congressman Lincoln Davis, Ford's campaign manager.

"Tennessee...I'm fired up!" Obama exclaimed, enjoying the rays of sunshine that poked beyond the clouds. "There is a new day dawning here in America. We (Americans) are tired of business as usual."

He added, "American people are decent people, (because) they pay attention when it counts."

Hitting on topics ranging from minimum wage and social security to decent health care and the war on terror, Obama delivered a speech based on the "audacity" of hope and drew reference to the words of Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice!"

Last week, the TSU Student Government Associations officials, past and present, led a unified get-out-the-vote effort for campus-wide participation in the November elections.

Current SGA Vice President Hodari P.T. Brown and 2003-04 SGA President Shawntaz Crawford solicited student organizations to register voters and hold voting rally events.

Brown said that the TSU chapter of Sigma Alpha Lambda, the Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., College Democrats of TSU, and Zeta Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. all aided in get-out-the-vote efforts.

"As African-Americans, we almost always vote Democrat, but never research," Brown said. "I always tell

people, 'I am not a Democrat or Republican. I vote for the issues that pertain to me as currently being a college student.'"

Brown said he believes a lot of students don't know why politics are important and that past generations were more likely to investigate candidates, which are contrary to efforts made by young voters today who have political information at their finger tips per the Internet.

He also said that students should be concerned about issues, such as health care, rising gas prices, the economy, job markets and the cost of education.

Charles R. Burnett Jr., a member of the Zeta Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., said his organization used the opportunity to make a positive impact on the young individuals at TSU.

Burnett, the fraternity's campus and community relations director, said they hosted a voting rally event titled "Vote with the Sigmas."

Representatives from the Democratic Party and Phi Beta Sigma offered food and music at the event to keep the audience entertained and aroused for voting.

Burnett said there was a continuously line that reached out of the doors of

Friendship Missionary Baptist, located one block from TSU, from the beginning of the event at 2 p.m. on Nov. 2 until after the event was scheduled to end at 6 p.m. Phi Beta Sigma was on the corner of John Merritt Blvd. and 32nd Avenue with voting signs encouraging people to vote and important it is vote.

"Our fraternity was founded on the basis of Civil Rights," said Burnett, a junior business information systems major from Memphis. "So that's why we found it very important to exercise our voting rights and impact the students at TSU."

The impact as had an effect on, Alexandria Echols who plans to vote on election day Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Echols, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Memphis, said, "If more young people would vote, the outcome would be different."

But, "Other things could have been done to draw students in," Echols said while mentioning that giveaways and voter registration parties are ways to increase the youth voting turnout.

For contact info for election coverage, see page 7

Students win scholarships for discussion

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"It's always good when you submit a critical work concerning a significant economic issue and it is deemed worthy of special consideration and a scholarship, especially," Clements said.

Enzo, who had not been enrolled in college for 12 years before returning to pursue his MBA, discussed the methods countries use to engage in international trade with the United States with respect to rising oil costs in his essay. His research highlighted last year's Hurricane Katrina effects on the American economy.

"We need only look back to 2005 and early 2006 to observe the market movements and economic ripple effects that occurred after Hurricane Katrina," Enzo wrote. "The heavy economic impact the hurricane had on U.S. citizens and businesses was felt most immediately through the rising fuel prices including

crude oil, gasoline and their many derivative products. U.S. crude oil production in the Gulf of Mexico area came to a halt and some off-shore operations suffered severe damages from the Hurricane."

Dawkins entered the contest despite it being designed specifically for international business students. Dawkins submitted an essay because she has aspira-

tions of opening clinics in South America. Hull said Dawkins exhibited exceptional skills in answering the questions and articulating her ideas while maintaining relevance to the topic.

Lynn, who currently serves in the Tennessee House of Representatives and is a guest columnist for Nashville City Paper, wrote about her essay from the

perspective of the other nations. She gave a written explanation for the high trade deficit between America and other nations.

"Americans have a huge appetite for the foreign goods of these countries," Lynn wrote. "We import much more than we export."

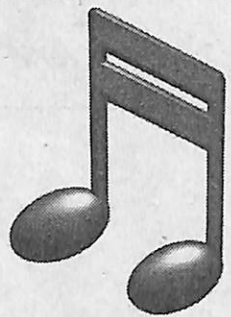
"The Commerce Department recently reported that despite very strong U.S. exports, August (2006) numbers revealed that rising oil prices helped excel the U.S. trade deficit to a new record. As a result, the trade deficit is projected to be \$700 billion for 2006."

Clements said of his winnings that, "I was pleasantly surprised to find out that I placed. I believe it was luck...where preparation met opportunity."

"It's always good when you submit a critical work concerning a significant economic issue and it is deemed worthy of special consideration and a scholarship, especially"

-William P. Clements

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“What the Deuce?”

Family Guy video game

Twentieth Century Fox, the film corporation behind the riotously funny animated sitcom, *Family Guy*, unleashes the show's comedic fury in the form of the Family Guy Video Game!

Featuring the now-famous voices of Alex Borstein, Seth MacFarlane, Seth Green and Mila Kunis, the game couples its trademark crude humor with game play that is almost as challenging as it is funny.

As soon as the game is turned on, the distinct personalities of Peter, Lois, Meg, Chris, Brian and Stewie burst off the screen and come alive giving the game instant credibility. The game gives you a chance to embody all of your favorite characters and solve a caper worth a thousand laughs.

From the beginning of the game, the premise is made clear by the directions given to the player from Stewie himself. In a system of commands given early on, gameplay is all at once smooth and the button system is simple and understandable. As you graduate to different characters, different commands are given to make the game flow without the player having to stop to check the manual.

Game play is truly likeable. For inexperienced gamers, pickup is very easy and the game is somewhat addictive. Hearing the character voices are reason enough to play. The voice work also scores big because the numerous guest stars help generate even more quick laughs.

Amid all of the humor this game is no walk in the park. Though all of the stages possess various pieces of comedic bite, they also present different and very real challenges. Platform style fighting is just as important as stealth in this game and you have to be good at both.

The game features three playable characters in Peter, Stewie, and Brian, all in levels customized for their particular strengths. While Peter and Stewie's missions often have them fighting against various minions, Brian's missions are primarily based around using stealth to collect items.

The game gets progressively better for Peter and Stewie's levels as upgraded weapons and powerups abound.

Another of the game's strongest pluses comes in the form of the Non-Sequiturs. These little cutaways made popular by the show are incorporated into the game's storyline via quick mini-games.

There are however, a few shortcomings.

One of the game's biggest weaknesses comes from one of its strongest features. While the voice work is superb, the script was very short on this one. Frequent deaths and restarts will subject the player to hearing the same things over and over again.

Another main problem sure to be discovered early with the game is that it falls victim to a few funky camera angles and slow camera positioning system. This becomes a reality at the worst possible times (like while fighting an enemy.) It prevents you from seeing as much as you need to.

As far as platform games go, the game has a few mechanical misfires. The fighting engine and targeting system are both lacking but the combo and special move system somewhat compensates for the mechanical shortcomings.

Finally, a lack of information stalls the steady pace of the game play. It's easy to walk around in circles trying to solve a problem when the solution is right in front of you. Constant repeats make the game slow and tedious.

Weaknesses aside, these drawbacks fail to limit the fun and entertainment pushed out through this clever and hilar-

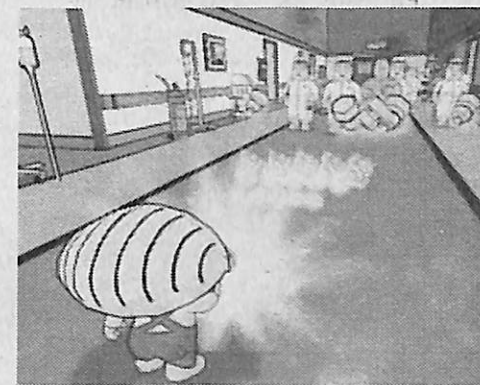


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ious platform adventure.

At first the thought of a Family Guy game, one is sure to be reminded of the Simpson's

Game that hit shelves in the mid 1990s where there was platform combat in a two-player co-op mode. This game possesses no such mode. It is simply a one player romp through the city of Quahog with TV's favorite dysfunctional family.

Bottom Line: Family Guy is mildly challenging fun for platform gamers and an extreme laugh for lovers of the show. The only downside is after the initial game play Family Guy may become a novelty. **Replay Value:** Low

Gregory Brand Jr.

Freshman Delegation wreaks 'havoc'

By Nakeva Williams
Staff Reporter

The TSU Freshman Delegation hosted its first party, the Halloween Havoc, on Tuesday, Oct. 31, in Jane Elliot Hall (the Women's Building) in efforts to raise funds to the freshman class account.

The admission was \$3 for party goers in a costume and \$4 for those with-

out. The decor of the party consisted of orange Halloween lights and black cloth. Kimeo "DJ Braveheart" Smith provided the music and there was juice and candy served for those who attended to enjoy.

The party had a turnout of about 130 people.

"We're supporting the freshmen delegates as well as having a good time," said Tamara Smith, a freshman social work major from Memphis. "Of course, we would like to see more parties by the Freshman Delegation."

Nevertheless, several in attendance felt that the party did not reach its maximum potential.

"Advertising could have been better," said Carmen Williams, a business administration major from Centrefield, Va. "No one knew about the party."

Though the night started off as a slow event, it picked up with a late surge of attendees.

Due to the Student Government Association inauguration ceremony, many of the freshmen delegates, as well

as many members of SGA, could not attend until later into the party around 9:30 p.m. However, after the ceremony, people started to slowly trickle in.

Antonio Burton, a Freshman Delegation public relations delegate and early childhood and art education major, said, "I think that because it's the first party by the Freshman Delegation it wasn't a good turnout, but next time we'll do more planning to make it better."

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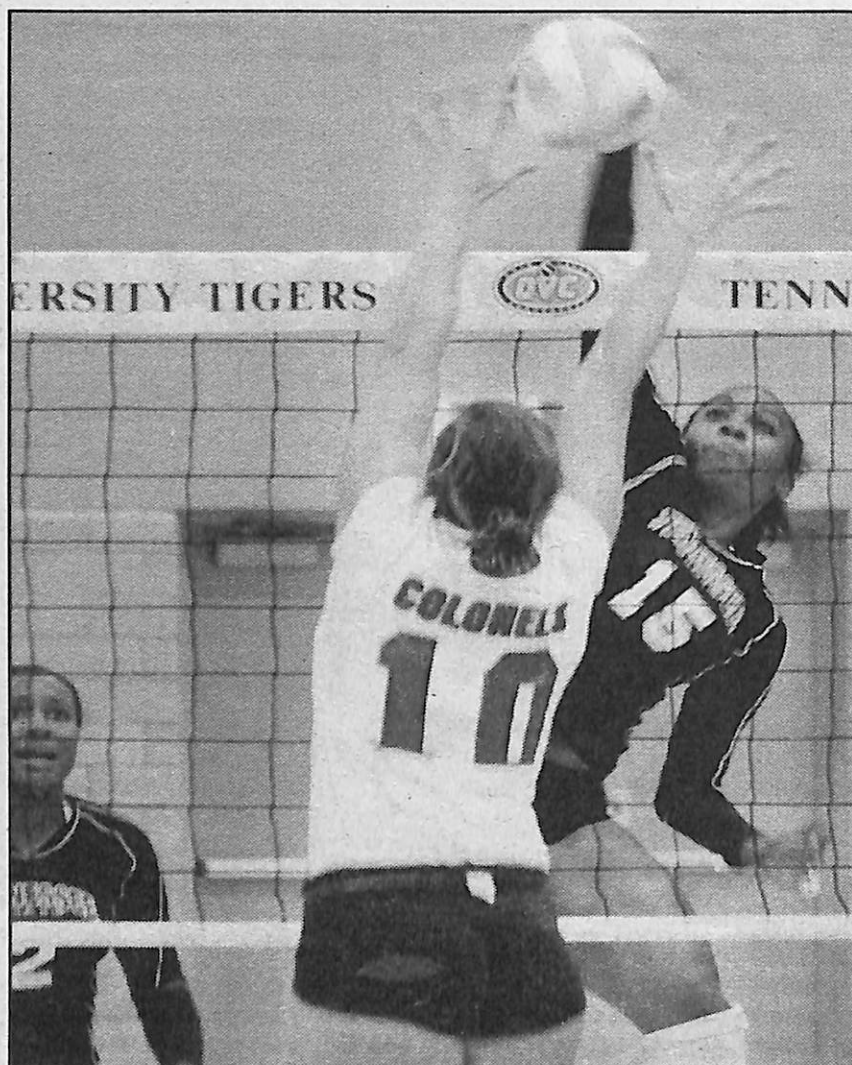
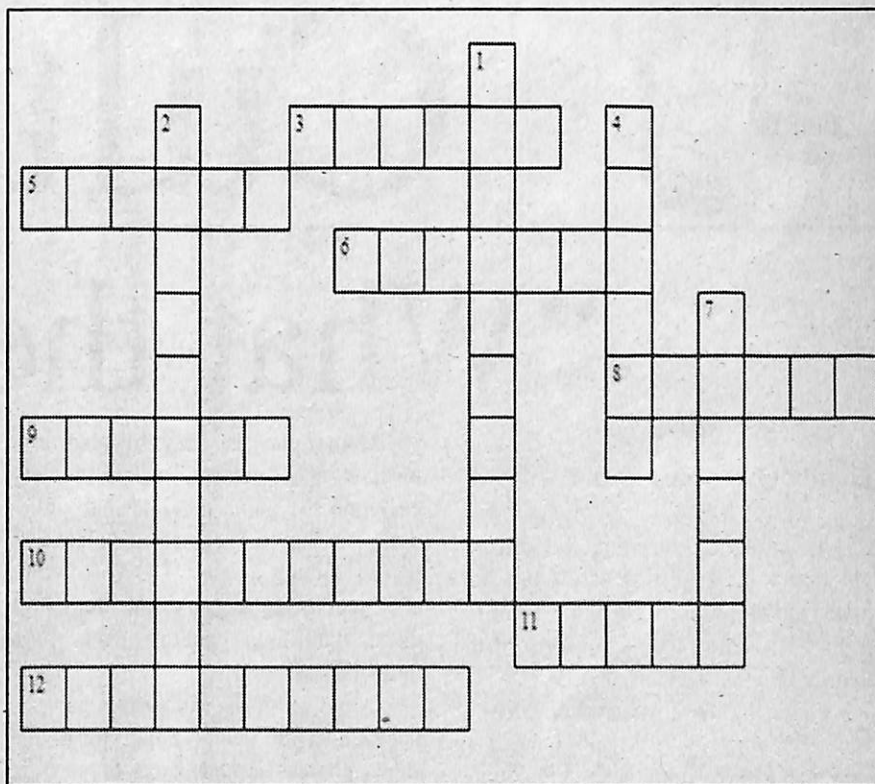


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SPIKE!

Junior Kelly Davis gets a hand up over ECU player Kelly Jennings on Saturday, Nov. 4. Davis finished with 16 kills and 27 digs.



ACROSS

- 3 "Give me a break," candy.
- 5 Grammy winning multi-platinum album *The Score*.
- 6 The majority of Tennessee is in this time zone.
- 8 West African trickster spider god.
- 9 Dark Knight comic book hero.
- 10 Mountain chain in East Tennessee.
- 11 Fortune 500 company with tiger mascot.
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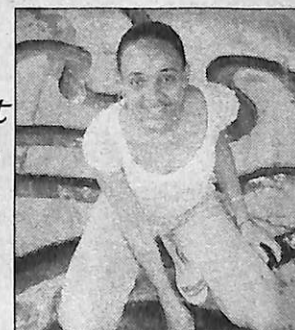
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- 1 Ancient Greek temple of Athena in Nashville.
- 2 Most affluent community in Nashville.
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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

in the Poll

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Was the administration justified in overturning the initial crowning of Mr. TSU as Darrius Brooks?

YES - 90
NO - 80

New question: What do you think of *The Meter* student newspaper?

- A - You guys are great.
- B - Pretty good
- C - OK, for a school paper
- D - Needs to get more aggressive
- E - The worse



TSU Sports

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Transfer volleyball player blazes the court

By Brianna Pryor
Staff Reporter

Meesha Jackson said she thought she was going to be a WNBA basketball star before she found herself staring as an elite Ohio Valley Conference volleyball player and with plans of playing women's hoops at TSU.

Now the 6-foot, 4-inch Jackson, in her second year at TSU, is a standout middle blocker with a 3.8 grade point average and was recently selected by the OVC as Athlete of the Week.

"It's hard to find time between games or practice to study or do homework," said Jackson, a sophomore art major from Dry Fork, Va.

She said she has played volleyball for five years, with the first time being her senior year in high school, and since then she has maintained a high hitting percentage averaging .291, which is the highest in TSU history. She also is number one in total blocks with 256 and block assists with 236.

She started playing college level volleyball at Northwest Shoals

Community College in Muscle Shoals, Ala., where she was selected as an All-American her sophomore year. Jackson was also on the track team for four years in high school where she competed in high jump and sprints, among other competitions.

But sports weren't always Jackson's top desire. She grew up in Gretna, Va., where her parents, Wallace and Phillis, were truck drivers.

"I was basically raised in truck," Jackson said. "So I wanted to be a truck driver too, but my mom and dad wanted me to pursue an education."

She attends Mt. Zion Baptist Church and involves herself yearly with the Florida Orange Grove Foundation.

She said she likes playing video games, reading, writing and, especially, drawing – an activity she has been doing since she was three years old. After being in the marching band for two months, she has grown more respect for the musicians and their hard work.

"I can have fun doing just about anything in any situation," Jackson said.

Jackson she admires her mother because she feels comfortable enough to talk to her as a friend but, here at TSU,

she considers head volleyball coach Kathy Roulhac as her second mother.

"Coach is my second mom because she corrects me when I am doing wrong on and off the court," Jackson said. "When I have a problem and I can not talk to my mom I will call coach and she will listen to me and help me with that problem."

Now, Jackson is set on leaving a legacy for Big Blue Country to remember her by.

"I want TSU to remember me for my determination," she said. "I never gave up. Me, as a player, I have faith in my team. I knew that we could get the job done as a team. Personally, I feel I won't quit."

"Meesha is a gentle giant," said teammate Tiana Maua, a senior setter from Spokane, Wa., who also majors in psychology. "She is the perfect teammate – she plays hard every night, she gets the job done and every one gets along with her."

She said she strives to reach out to the younger student-athletes that she interacts with.

"Don't give up," Jackson advises. "If you want to be a student-athlete, stick to the job. Me, doing it for a long time, I got use to the stress and hectic schedules. You can't let the struggles of studying for finals, or any test, get to you on the court."

At this time, as volleyball season winds down and the Lady Tigers gear up for another run at an OVC title, Jackson said she is now looking forward to basketball season.

And even though her volleyball career is almost over at TSU, her legacy is for the team to go all the way and win the OVC championship.

Following graduation, Jackson plans to attend a graduate school in Virginia to be close to home but, for the upcoming summer, she wants to play volleyball for the Junior Olympic Team.

"The rest on my future depends on how the present works," Jackson said.

The Tigers will
play in the
Ohio Valley
Conference
tournament
beginning



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Meesha Jackson, a senior volleyball player from Dry Fork, Va., has been a leader of the TSU offensive attack this season.

"I was basically raised in truck. So I wanted to be a truck driver too, but my mom and dad wanted me to pursue an education."

-Meesha Jackson

Tigers defeat Morehead State

The TSU Tigers defeated the Morehead State in three sets (32-30, 30-25, 30-25). Going into the game the Tigers were tied with Morehead State in the OVC race.

The Tigers were led by Erika Godbolt who recorded her 12th double-double of the season with 13 kills and 10 digs. The Tigers also got a big game from Tiana Maua who had 35 set assist and three service aces.

Tigers' seniors go out on top

The TSU Lady Tigers (19-12, 11-3 OVC) defeated Eastern Kentucky in four sets 3-1 (19-12, 11-3 OVC) on Senior Day, a match that was led by team's four seniors on their big day.

Meesha Jackson led the Tigers with 22 kills and a hitting percentage of 0.341 while the Tigers' other two senior also had big games for the Big Blue. Erika Godbolt recorded 17 kills and 27 digs; Tiana Maua recorded 63 set assist and 15 digs.

"This was good farewell for our senior," said Tigers head coach Kathy Roulhac. "This was a hard-fought game and I am happy it turn out our way."

According to Roulhac, the Tigers' four seniors all joined the team last season.

Jackson transferred to TSU from Muscle Shores Community College and since become number one on the team in total blocks 256 and has 236 total block assists and a hitting percentage of 0.241.

Maua, a transfer from North Idaho College, has the recorded for set assist with 2,125 and for service aces with 1,079 in her time with the Tigers.

This year's senior class has the most wins of any senior class. In their two years at TSU, they have a record of 41-

23 and an OVC Regular Championship last season.

"I feel like we are close to our peak," Jackson said. "Last time we played ECU, they beat us and we were not going to let them come in senior night and out worked us."

Tigers fall to EIU

The TSU Tigers (5-4, 4-1 OVC) dropped a big Ohio Valley Conference game against Eastern Illinois, 29-3.

The Tigers went in to the battle without OVC leading passer sophomore Antonio Heffner who did not make the trip due to a left shoulder strain he suffered in last week's game against the Samford Bulldogs on October 28.

Without Heffner, the Tigers' offense suffered. EIU held the Tigers' offense below its average of 353 yards per game to 211 yards. The Panthers also put the clamps on OVC leading rusher Javarris Williams, who averages 130.6 yards per game; the Panthers' defense held Williams to only 38 yards gained with 15 carries.

Hartman led the Tigers' offense with 162 yards passing but threw two interceptions.

Along with poor showing on offense, the Tigers' defense was forced to stay on the field for 37 minutes of the game. The Tigers' defense was lead by Nikkia Rutland, who recorded seven tackles.

The Panthers' offense gained 423 yards of total offense. The Panthers gained 171 yards on the ground. The rushing attack was lead by Ademula Adenaji who rushed for 98 yards. Cole Stinson tore threw the Tigers secondary by passing for 223 yards and a touchdown.

James Webster prohibited the team from talking to the media.

The Tigers will try to re group next Saturday against South East Missouri.

Tiger Briefs

Tiger Top 5

1. Ladarious Weaver – Shooting guard

Junior –
Atlanta

Weaver scored 23 points and went five from eight from the 3-point line in the Blue and White game on Saturday Nov. 4.

2. Jheri Booker – Forward

Freshman –
Summerville, Ga

Booker scored 17 points and had five steals in the Blue and White game on Saturday, Nov 4.

3. Ericka Godbolt – Outside hitter

Senior – Human Performance Sports Sciences
Omaha, Neb.

Godbolt recorded two double-doubles, which led the Tigers to two big win against OVC foes. On Nov. 3, Godbolt recorded 13 kills and 10 digs against Morehead State and she recorded 17 kills and 28 digs on Senior Day against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, Nov. 4.

4. Tiana Maua – Setter

Senior – Psychology
Spokane, Wa.

Maua recorded 97 in two big games against OVC foes. Maua recorded 35 set assists against Morehead State and 63 set assists on Senior Day against Eastern Kentucky Maua.

5. Meesha Jackson – Middle blocker

Senior – Art major
Danville, Va.

Jackson recorded 22 kills against Eastern Kentucky on senior day, Nov 4.

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